Project Outlay of the Bokaro Steel Plant

6173. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project outlay of Rs 10 million was prepared for the Bokaro Steel Plant and scheme was formulated for setting up workshop, cooling plant, hospital and other infrastructure accordingly;

(b) whether one million tonne additional steel was scheduled to be produced each year or alternate year;

(c) whether the Government have given up the scheme for its expansion now;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor,

(e) whether the Government propose to adopt the basic objective of 10 million tonne scheme; and

(f) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The original lay-out provided at Bokaro Steel Plant envisaged an installed capacity of 4 million tonnes of crude steel production per annum. This has since been achieved. No provision for plant and equipment and infrastructural facilities beyond 4 million tonnes capacity was made However, there is scope for further expansion of the plant, township and other related facilities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The expansion schemes in respect of Bokaro Steel Plant have not have dropped. However, there is no plan at present to expand the plant to 10 million tonnes per annum capacity.

(e) and (f). Currently, Government are considering modernisation and expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant upto 4.5 million tonnes of liquid steel. Government would like Bokaro Steel Plant to expand its capacities in a phased manner and stabilise production at each stage of expanded capacity before further expansion is undertaken.

[*Translation*]

STD Link with Lucknow

6174. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities of Uttar Pradesh which are not linked by STD facility with Lucknow so far;

(b) whether the Government propose to link the remaining such cities with Lucknow and Delhi by STD during the year 1992–93; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The names of the cities in Uttar Pradesh (with a population of above 100,000 as per Census Book, 1991), not linked by STD are Sambhal, Amroha and Haldwani-cum-Kathgodam.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The remaining three cities are planned to be linked by STD during 1992–93.

[*English*]

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6175. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: